

Senate Judiciary Committee Amendment No. 1 (by Blackburn)

Amendment No. 1 to SB2587

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any law enforcement officer may carry firearms at all times and in all places within the State of Tennessee, on-duty or off-duty, regardless of the officer's regular duty hours or assignments, except as provided by subdivision (3), federal law, lawful orders of court or the written directives of the executive supervisor of the employing agency.

(2) The authority conferred by this section is expressly intended to and shall supersede restrictions placed upon law enforcement officers' authority to carry firearms by other sections within this part.

(3) The authority conferred by this section shall not extend to a law enforcement officer:

(A) Who is permitted by agency policy to carry a firearm while consuming beer or an alcoholic beverage or while under the influence of beer, an alcoholic beverage, or a controlled substance; or

(B) Who is not engaged in the actual discharge of official duties as a law enforcement officer while within the confines of an establishment where beer or alcoholic beverages are sold for consumption on-the-premises; or

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(C) Who is not engaged in the actual discharge of official duties as a law enforcement officer while attending a judicial proceeding.

(4) For purposes of this section, a "law enforcement officer" means a person who is a full-time employee of a federal, state, county or local government or public office in a position authorized by the laws of this state to carry a firearm and to make arrests for violations of some or all of the laws of this state.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1306(c), is amended by deleting subdivision (1).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.